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PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

Reports from Manila.

MANILA, P. I., May 22, 1900.

SIR: I have the honor to inform you that for the week ended May 19 there were 5 cases of bubonic plague, with 3 deaths, reported in this city; also 1 case of smallpox.

One of the fatal cases of plague occurred in the person of an army teamster, marking it as the first appearance of the disease among the white population of Manila. Another teamster who occupied the same quarters as the first has since been taken ill with suspicious symptoms and sent to the pest hospital. * * *

Respectfully,

J. A. NYDEGGER,

Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

MANILA, P. I., May 28, 1900.

SIR: I have the honor to inform you that 2 cases of bubonic plague, with 1 death, were reported in this city for the week ended the 26th instant. One of these cases was in the person of a white army teamster, who probably contracted the disease indirectly from the other teamster reported as having died with plague in my letter of the 22d instant. The case is a grave one and will probably result fatally.

The 45 contacts with case 1, who were inoculated with the Haffkine prophylactic have up to the present time developed no further suspicious symptoms. The inoculation produced in them a rise of from $1-1\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ F. of temperature, lasting from twenty-four to forty-eight hours, slight general sensations of discomfort, and localized soreness about the point of inoculation for a short period.

Teamster No. 2 did not receive an inoculation of the Haffkine material and a period of ten days ensued from the last presumable exposure to case 1 before he developed the disease.

The situation at present is encouraging, as the cases reported have gradually decreased in number week by week for the past month.

What effect the rainy season, which will set in shortly, will have on the course of the epidemic remains to be seen.

No cases of smallpox were reported for the above-mentioned period.

Respectfully,

J. A. NYDEGGER,

Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

PORTO RICO.

Reports from Ponce.

PONCE, P. R., June 18, 1900.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith the quarantine and abstract bills of health reports for the week ended June 16, 1900, also the mortality statistics for the past two weeks: One more case of smallpox was reported, making a total of 6 under treatment. The number

of cases of chicken pox decreased from 14 to 7, now under treatment. Nothing of note occurred in shipping circles.

Respectfully,

W. W. KING,
Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

[Inclosure.]

Number and causes of deaths in Ponce jurisdiction (city, playa, and surrounding country) during the two weeks ended June 16, 1900.

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| Infectious diseases— | |
| Dysentery..... | 25 |
| Malarial fever..... | 12 |
| Tuberculosis..... | 11 |
| Tetanus..... | 2 |
| Puerperal fever..... | 1 |
| Diseases of the digestive apparatus..... | 93 |
| Diseases of the circulatory system..... | 8 |
| Diseases of the respiratory system..... | 4 |
| Diseases of the nervous system..... | 4 |
| Other diseases (anæmia, inanition, etc.)..... | 45 |
| Total..... | 205 |
| Births during the same period..... | 40 |

PONCE, P. R., June 25, 1900.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith the quarantine and abstract bills of health reports for the week ended June 23, 1900: Five vessels arrived from foreign ports and 4 bills of health were issued. The Spanish steamship *Isla de Panay* was held in quarantine, her bill of health from Barranquilla showing 5 cases of yellow fever at that port. She left for San Juan the same day without landing any passengers or freight. The steamship *Maria Herrera* arrived disinfected at Santiago and was admitted to pratique, having no nonimmunes on board.

There are still under treatment 2 cases of smallpox and 6 cases of chicken pox, no new cases having appeared during the week.

One case of leprosy under detention died in the hospital; the other case under detention escaped some time ago.

Respectfully,

W. W. KING,
Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

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U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

Jamaica quarantine against Porto Rico withdrawn.

SAN JUAN, P. R., June 27, 1900.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith, for your information, copies of correspondence between myself and Her British Majesty's consul regarding a quarantine till recently maintained against this island by the government of Jamaica.

Respectfully,

C. H. LAVINDER,
Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.